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Applicants: R. Campbell et al.

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For: **Methods, Apparatus and Computer Program Products for Formulating Culture Media**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2003, the response having been extended by two (2) months to January 20, 2004, wherein the Examiner requested an election to subject matter specified in claims 1-127. Applicants note that the claims in Groups I, IV, VII and VIII were cancelled in the transmittal at the time the divisional was filed such that Groups II, III, V, VI, and IX are available for election. Applicants elect Group IX containing claims 119-122 and 123-126 without traverse. In response to the requirement for election of a species for performing the function, Applicants elect the function $y_i=f(x_{ij})$ setting forth all the variables.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter as now embraced in the non-elected. Applicants respectfully submit that the election has been made in good faith.

Respectfully submitted,

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